



# KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

Website Information:

No. 06-08 (June 2008)  
[www.cityofknoxville.org/southwaterfront](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/southwaterfront)

## Looking Ahead:

The Lincoln Street / River Road street improvements are moving forward as scheduled. Coordination of objectives such as ensuring healthy large street trees, capturing stormwater runoff for irrigation, reducing stormwater pollution, coordinating placement of utilities underground, traffic calming, and maintaining walkability and bicycle systems will continue to be refined and reworked through June and July.

All potentially impacted properties have been surveyed and appraised, and property owners will be contacted in the near future to discuss city purchases. Some folks have asked if and when the property appraisals will become public information – we will let everyone know how this issue will be handled in the July newsletter.

The **Concept Plan** for the street improvements was approved at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) meeting. Concerns were raised by one property owner regarding the impact of the block layout on his property, while another comment was received regarding the impact of the street design on existing neighborhood streets. We will work to resolve these issues in upcoming months. A **Design Plan** must be approved next, which requires approval by City Engineering and utility providers, followed by MPC approval of a **Final Plat**, which will not be submitted until all property acquisitions have been completed.

Completion of the design work is expected by November, which will allow construction to proceed soon afterward.

## Newsletter Mailing Options

Anyone who has e-mail is encouraged to send a request to be added to [sbass@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:sbass@cityofknoxville.org) for receipt of an e-mail version. It is also posted on the website, or you may receive it via post.

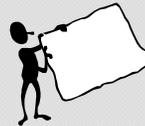
## Upcoming Meetings

Two public meetings will be scheduled in August, after schools have opened for the fall semester.

One meeting will be held to present the draft designs for River Road, Lincoln Street, Langford Avenue, and four side streets, including converting Barber Street to a two-way street. This is part of the Vaughn & Melton contract.

The second meeting will kick-off the River Plain Park design process that will be led by Hargreaves Associates.

We'll announce the meeting dates, locations, and times in the July newsletter.



*Sometimes meeting times and places change. Please continue to check the South Waterfront Website for meeting updates between newsletters.*

## What's in a Name?

The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) coordinates street naming in Knox County, to avoid duplication or confusion that could jeopardize emergency response to homes and businesses.

We have learned that names such as **River Road** and **Lincoln Street** cannot become permanent street names. We also have a new side street that we have been calling 'E-Street' that also need a permanent name ('E-Street' refers to the alphabetical progression of streets – Barber, Claude, Dixie, etc.). Finally, a permanent name is needed for the 5-acre river park about to undergo design.

If you have any suggestions for street names or for the park's name, please send them to Dave Hill or Susanna Bass using the contact information at the bottom of this page. Honorary or commemorative names are reviewed by the City Council's Public Property Naming Committee.

## June Staff Activities

Staff activities in June will focus on contact with property owners to purchase the land needed for the Lincoln Street / River Road project rights-of-way, and for the park land needed along the river. We are also working with the Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation (TDEC) to develop a brownfields agreement to limit the city's liability should problems arise once construction starts. Preliminary steps are also being taken to obtain property rights and permits needed for the UT Pedestrian / Bicycle Bridge. A more detailed conceptual design will be contracted, property owners on either side of the river will be consulted to discuss land connection points, a TVA property easement must be purchased, and air rights easements will be needed to cross above railroad tracks and Neyland Drive. A Request for Qualifications from consultants interested in the **Blount Avenue Reconstruction** in front of the Cityview property will be released on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Approval of the consultant contract is scheduled for late August 2008.

## Neighborhood Beat

*This section of the newsletter provides information concerning ongoing construction work relating to the South Waterfront. Some of these items will be listed here for several consecutive editions.*

- Surveying of the areas around Lincoln Street and north of Langford Avenue has been completed. Survey stakes are in place marking proposed street center lines and property boundaries.
- The tree inventory associated with the Lincoln Street / River Road project is done. Tree ribbons were used to avoid duplicate counts. A tree without a ribbon does not mean it was not counted.
- Dredging for the Cityview marina continues.

City of Knoxville  
South Waterfront Development Department  
City-County Building, 400 Main Street  
Room 503  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902



[southwaterfront@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:southwaterfront@cityofknoxville.org)  
**Dave Hill**, Senior Director  
(865) 215-3764 [dhill@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dhill@cityofknoxville.org)  
**Susanna Bass**, Project Manager  
(865) 215-4545 [sbass@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:sbass@cityofknoxville.org)